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said bore having a portion outboard of said retaining member defining a bit-receiving socket.

REMARKS

Claim 24, as presented in the parent application, included the language "and having a continuous, closed, non-reentrant outer periphery," which the examiner finally rejected as being based upon new matter and not being described in the specification, in that the term "non-reentrant" has no recognized meaning and is not previously used in the patent.

By this amendment, the above-quoted passage is deleted and there is added in lieu thereof the following language:

"said retaining member having a continuous outer periphery such that any two points on the periphery can be joined by a straight line segment which does not extend outside the periphery."

It is submitted that all of this language is clear and definite and has well understood meanings.

The added phase is fully supported by the disclosure of the patent (see Fig. 3).

By reason of this amendment, the status of the claims now is:

Patent claims 1-16 are unchanged and stand allowed in the parent application;

Claims 17-23 are added by the parent reissue application and stand allowed in that application; and Claim 24, added in the parent reissue application, is amended herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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